

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A recording/reproducing apparatus comprising:
a video data storing section storing video data
and a copy control information in a recording medium;

5 a determination section determining, on copy
control information, whether the image data is only-
one-generation-copy-enabled data or copy-unrestricted-
enabled data;

10 a reduced-image storing section reducing a
designated image contained in the video data and
storing the reduced image in the recording medium, if
the determination section determines that the image
data is the copy-unrestricted-enabled data;

15 a inhibition section inhibiting a storage
operation of the reduced-image storing section, if the
determination section determines that the video data is
the only-one-generation-copy-enabled data; and

20 a video data reproduction section reproducing the
video data stored in the recording medium by the video
data storing section, based on the reduced image
designated.

25 2. The recording/reproducing apparatus according
to claim 1, further comprising a position information
storing section storing, in the recording medium,
position information indicative of a storage position
of the designated image contained in the stored video
data, if the determination section determines that the

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video data is the only-one-generation-copy-enabled data,
and wherein the video data reproduction section
reproduces the video data stored in the recording
medium based on one of the position information and
5 reduced image designated.

3. The recording/reproducing apparatus according
to claim 1, further comprising a displaying section
displaying a message that the reduced image cannot be
stored, if the determination section determines that
10 the video data is the only-one-generation-copy-enabled
data.

4. A method for recording and reproducing video
data, comprising the steps of;

storing video data and a copy control information
15 in a recording medium;

determining whether the video data is only-one-
generation-copy-enabled data or copy-unrestricted-
enabled data, based on the copy control signal;

reducing a designated image contained in the video
20 data and storing the reduced image in the recording
medium, if the video data is determined to be the copy-
unrestricted-enabled data;

inhibiting storage of the reduced image if the
video data is determined to be the only-one-generation-
25 copy-enabled data; and

reproducing the video data stored in the recording
medium when the reduced image has been designated.

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5. The method according to claim 4, further comprising the step of storing, in the recording medium, position information indicative of a storage position of the designated image contained in the stored video data, if the video data is determined to be the only-one-generation-copy-enabled data.

6. The method according to claim 4, further comprising the step of displaying a message that the reduced image cannot be stored, if the video data is determined to be the only-one-generation-copy-enabled data.

7. An information recording medium including a program, the program comprising:

storing video data and a copy control information in a recording medium;

determining, on the copy control information, whether the video data is only-one-generation-copy-enabled data or copy-unrestricted-enabled data;

reducing a designated image contained in the video data and storing the reduced image in the recording medium, if the video data is determined to be the copy-unrestricted-enabled data;

inhibiting storage of the reduced image if the video data is determined to be the only-one-generation-copy-enabled data; and

reproducing the video data stored in the recording medium based on the reduced image designated.